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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for
Authority to Construct and Place in Service Approximately
Three to Five Miles of New 138 kV Transmission Line and a
New Substation, to be Known as Lake Delton Substation,
Located in Sauk County

6680-CE-159

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS
AND HEARING**

Direct Testimony Due:	Monday, January 10, 2000 – Noon
Hearing Date:	Monday, January 24, 2000 – 1:30 p.m.
Hearing Location:	Sauk County West Square Building, County Board Room (Rm. 326) 505 Broadway, Baraboo, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49(2) and 196.491(3), and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 111.43 and 112.05 of Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L or applicant) for authority to construct and place in service approximately three to five miles of a new 138 kV transmission line and a new substation, known as the Lake Delton Substation. The application will be the subject of a public hearing. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) has scheduled a hearing, which is listed above.

Copies of WP&L's application are available for public review at the Baraboo public library, at the offices of the clerk of the towns of Baraboo, Delton, and Fairfield; at the offices of the clerk of the villages of West Baraboo and Lake Delton; at the offices of the clerk of the cities of Baraboo and Wisconsin Dells; and the office of the clerk of Sauk County.

Project Need

WP&L is proposing the project in order to improve the reliability of the local electric system in the Baraboo and Lake Delton area.

Project Location

The proposed project is located in the towns of Baraboo, Delton, and Fairfield in Sauk County. The location of the proposed substation and associated 138 kV transmission line routes are detailed in the attached map. The substation would be located near the intersection of Reedsburg Road and Fox Hill Road. There are seven alternative 138 kV transmission line routes being considered. If the project is approved, the Commission will select one route for the transmission line.

Project Schedule

If the Commission approves the application, construction is scheduled to begin in June 2000. Construction is scheduled to be complete and the facilities in service by June 2001.

Project Review and Approval

WP&L is responsible pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.73 for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and producing proof of notice at the hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held on Monday, January 24, 2000, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Sauk County West Square Building, County Board Room (Rm. 326) 505 Broadway, Baraboo, Wisconsin. There is a parking lot next to the building. The Broadway entrance will be open during the afternoon session, but closed during the evening session. Persons attending the evening session should enter through the parking lot entrance. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is also available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Property owners or any other persons who have an interest or concern about the facilities or route are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing. Members of the public who are not full parties may testify at the hearings **without pre-filing testimony prior to the hearing.**

Full parties shall file an **original and 20 copies** of direct and rebuttal testimony and exhibits with the Commission and shall provide a copy to other full parties. Direct testimony is due in hand by **noon on Monday, January 10, 2000.** A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile for direct and rebuttal testimony, but the document filed by facsimile cannot exceed 20 pages. In addition, facsimile filings are due 24 hours earlier than the above dates to allow time for copying. The cover sheets of a facsimile file must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages. Copies of testimony should also be available at the hearing.

Interests or concerns expressed outside the hearing or after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision.

The testimony of WP&L and Commission staff witnesses will be available approximately two weeks prior to the hearing. Copies may be obtained in advance by calling Jerry Albrecht of the Commission staff at (608) 267-5111.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be mailed to Jeffry J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). Commission staff will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. A preliminary determination regarding the need for an environmental impact statement will be issued before the public hearing.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Specific questions about the hearing process should be directed to Jeffry Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, at (608) 266-7165.

Questions from the media should be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Other questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Jerry Albrecht at (608) 267-5111.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission